

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1- 96 are pending. Claims 1-14, 21-54, 61-74 and 81-96 stand rejected. Claims 15-20, 55-60 and 75-80 are allowed. Claims 35-40 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome 35 U.S.C. 101 issues. In this response, claims 35-40 have been amended. Claims 1-14, 21-34, 41-54, 61-74, and 81-96 have been canceled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Thus, claims 15-20, 35-40, 55-60 and 75-80 remain pending. Applicant respectfully submits the amendments place claims 35-40, as amended, in better condition for allowance without requiring an additional search by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the amendments to claims 35-40 be considered and entered after final.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 21-40 and 85-88

Claims 21-40 and 85-88 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 21-34 and 85-88 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 35-40 have been amended to recite the terms "non-volatile computer readable storage medium" as suggested in the Office Action. As noted by the Examiner, the specification supports a non-volatile storage medium at least at lines 10-12 on page 23. In view of foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 35-40, as amended, are directed to statutory subject matter in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15-20, 35-40, 55-60 and 75-80

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 15-20, 55-60 and 75-80 have been allowed and claims 35-40 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 issues. Claims 35-40 have been so amended. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that 15-20, 35-40, 55-60 and 75-80, as amended, are in condition for allowance, and requests allowance of said claims.

CONCLUSION

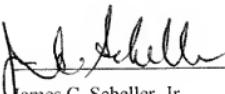
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then applicants hereby request such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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